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II. Amendments to the Drawings

Replacement sheets of the drawings are attached.

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III. Remarks

Reconsideration and reexamination of this application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks is herein respectfully requested.

After entering this amendment, claims 1-20 remain pending.

Further Claim Clarifications

Prior to discussing the references, It is believed that a brief discussion on the current form of the independent claims of this application is warranted. The original independent claims of this application have been amended to clarify, more particularly to point out and distinctly claim that which applicant regards as the subject matter of the present invention. Specifically, the claims now recite a lamp assembly mountable within the passenger compartment of the vehicle, the lamp assembly having a light source connectable to a power source and adapted to illuminate the passenger compartment and also having a transmitter connectable to an audio source adapted to receive information from said audio source and to transmit signals containing the information within the passenger compartment of the vehicle.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. §102(b)

Claims 1, 5-8, 10-11, 15-16 and 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,313,208 to Kavenik ("Kavenik"). Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections.

As noted by the Examiner, Kavenik discloses an audio entertainment and information system for the cabin of a commercial passenger aircraft having several lamps each connected to the aircraft's power source for the purpose of illuminating

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the cabin's interior. Also included in the aircraft is an audio source which provides audio signals to a transmitter, which is adapted to receive these signals and to transmit them throughout the passenger cabin by feeding an appropriate antenna system. However, Kavinek does not disclose a lamp assembly mountable within the passenger compartment of the vehicle, the lamp assembly having a light source and a transmitter, the latter being connected to an audio source and adapted to receive information from said audio source and to transmit signals containing the information within the passenger compartment of the vehicle. The lamp assembly in Kavinek only contains a light source. It does not contain the transmitter. From this, it is submitted that Kavinek fails to disclose the present invention. The rejection based thereon should be accordingly withdrawn.

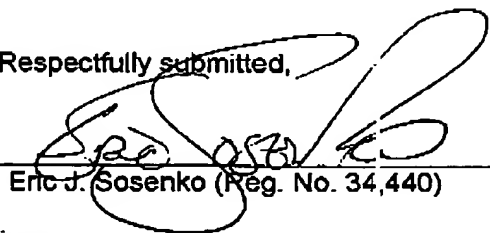
With respect to claims 2-5, 7-10, 12-15 and 17-20, these claims are dependent on either claims 1, 6, 11 or 16 and, therefore, are patentable for at least the same reasons given above in support of those claims. Accordingly, the allowance of these claims is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the present form of the claims are patentably distinguishable over the art of record and this application is now in condition for allowance. Such action is requested.

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